

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image input and output control apparatus comprising:

a first transmitting and receiving section that transmits and receives data to and from an image input and output apparatus that performs image input and output;

a second transmitting and receiving section that transmits and receives data to and from an information terminal apparatus that stores data to be handled by the image input and output apparatus in performing image input or output; and

a control section that causes data received by one of the first transmitting and receiving section and the second transmitting and receiving section to be transmitted from the other.

2. The image input and output control apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a user interface providing section that provides a user interface relating to the image input and output of the image input and output apparatus.

3. An image input and output system comprising:

an image input and output apparatus that performs image input and output;

an information terminal apparatus that stores data to be handled by the image input and output apparatus in performing image input or output; and

the image input and output control apparatus according to claim 1 that transmits and receives data to and from each of the image input and output apparatus and the information terminal apparatus.

4. The image input and output system according to claim 3, further comprising a billing apparatus that charges, in accordance with image input or output processing of the image input and output apparatus, a user who has performed image input or output using the information terminal apparatus.

5. The image input/output control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the

control section causes, in causing the data received by one of the first transmitting and receiving section and the second transmitting and receiving section to be transmitted from the other, the data to be converted into a data format suitable for a transmission destination apparatus.

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